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AGENDA ITEM 5

TO: MEMBERS OF THE HEALTH BENEFITS COMMITTEE

- I. SUBJECT:** Vision Service Plan Eye Health Management Program
- II. PROGRAM:** Health Benefits
- III. RECOMMENDATION:** Information Only
- IV. ANALYSIS:**

By request (Attachment 1) of Michael Navarro, Director, Department of Personnel Administration (DPA), Vision Service Plan will make a presentation on their Eye Health Management Program (Attachment 2).

The DPA and their vision care contractor, Vision Service Plan (VSP) are piloting this new program for State employees. VSP also intends to provide this no-cost program to public agency employers who contract with VSP for employee vision coverage.

This program will provide a streamlined system for data exchange about patients' eye exams and any abnormal findings, between the VSP providers and patients' primary care physicians. The program will assist in providing early detection for conditions such as diabetes, glaucoma, and macular degeneration, which can reduce or prevent vision loss, and potentially avoid more costly treatment. Currently, DPA and VSP have partnered with Blue Shield to participate in this program, and hope to partner with all CalPERS contracting health plans.

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Attachments